



Copythorne CE Infant School Newsletter February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of this half term, Christmas seems a distant memory (however, I am looking forward to flipping some pancakes over half term!)

As we look forward to the next half term, it is hard to plan the best next steps forward and, behind the scenes, we have been planning for a host of scenarios as we await to see the governments road map on moving the country forward. However, we do know that for at least the first few weeks that the current state of play will continue and our teachers have been planning our next instalment of learning and exciting themes (spoiler alert – book week is approaching!)

Tomorrow, all the schools, within the Federation, will be involved in training, where we will be looking at strategies to support readers to catch up and developing our curriculum offer. As part of this day I will be asking all the team to ensure that they take the half term break to switch off, take a break from the incredible hard work they have undertaken this half term and enjoy time with their families. This means that our teachers and TA's will not be responding to tapestry over the next week, to ensure they all get a chance to recharge for the next term.

I hope that you too have a chance to enjoy the half term break, albeit a very different one to the norm.

Take care of yourself and each other

Yours Sincerely

Mr Bowen

Dear God

As we enjoy our pancakes and prepare for Lent,

Help us to remember that even when things seems hard

To be bold and be strong and remember you are with us.

Amen.



MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

The Governors would like to express their appreciation to all teaching and non teaching staff across the Federation for their hard work and extra effort in providing educational opportunities for their pupils to access at this difficult time.

In addition they wish to acknowledge the equally important role played by parents, carers and families who are ensuring their children can access these opportunities to continue their learning journey at home. Furthermore they are managing this daily learning, which we know is not an easy task, alongside, in many cases, working from home themselves. This, together with the very real pressures of life during Lockdown, does not go unrecognised.

With school and home working together our pupils are in a good position to continue their learning while the present situation lasts. "

Is your child eligible for pupil premium funding?

Your child may be entitled to a sum of money, paid to the school, with the aim to boost their learning. This money is used by the school, to fund provisions with the aim of helping children in receipt of the pupil premium funding reach their best potential.

If you receive any of the following benefits you may be eligible:

Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)

Income support

Income-based jobseekers' allowance

Income-related employment and support allowance

Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of state pension credit

Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit

and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

There are many benefits to your child receiving pupil premium benefits, including **free uniform items** and **funding for school trips**. For a more comprehensive break down of how the federation spends this money, please see the pupil premium strategy, published on the website.

If you have any further questions, please speak with the school office team. They will be able to help you apply, or you can apply directly via the attached link and school will get notified if you are eligible:



Half Term	Monday 15th February	Friday 19th February
Spring Term	Monday 22nd February	Thursday 1st April
End of Term Holiday	Monday 5th April	Friday 16th April
Summer Term	Monday 19th April	Friday 28th May
Half Term	31st May	Friday 4th June
Summer Term	Monday 7th	Friday 23rd July

Term Dates for 2020/21

Spring Term 1	Monday 4th January	Friday 12th February
Spring Term 2	Monday 22nd February	Thursday 1st April
Summer Term 1	Monday 19th April	Friday 28th May
Summer Term 2	Monday 7th June	Friday 23rd July
Inset Days School Closed	Friday 12th February 2021	Please note that the inset day for Friday 23rd July is now a normal school day, as the inset day was used on the 4th January as directed by the Government